

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

V.

Number of Chapters, 40; represented, 19; exalted, 67; members, 1,458; receipts, \$550.00. Annual Convocation, 28th.

The Grand High Priest, M. E. Comp. E. R. DuVal, was unavoidably absent, being detained by his duties as a physician. His address was read, in which we find the following remarks on the condition of the Craft:—

"In pride, with gratitude, we have heard from the veteran workers of the North, the South, the East, the West, these words of cheer: The night has passed away, the sun has risen, and the clouds have drifted afar; gloom has ended in sunlight. The royal Craft are reanimated; their banners are raised aloft, and never again will they droop, or their zealous defenders grow cold or indifferent to friendship, union, fervency and purity.

"United, disciplined, and martialled like the tribe of Israel, under the leadership of the Great Law-Giver, in moral warfare they expect to put to flight all who oppose. An outlook so much more promising for Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction than when the year began, is a just cause for congratulation, not alone to ourselves, but likewise to many in sister States, as I can safely aver from personal intercourse with such, recently, in the city of Buffalo, N.Y."

He issued one dispensation for a new Chapter, and reports that, with a few exceptions, the Chapters that were in default last year, are again in full fellowship.

The Committee on Education presented a report on St. John's College, in which they hope that the benevolent designs of its founders may yet be crowned with success. They recommend the usual appropriation of \$800.00, on condition that the Grand Lodge also make a suitable donation.

A committee was appointed to confer with a similar committee from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters, to consider the propriety of transferring the Council degrees from the Councils to the Chapters, and to report at the next Annual Convocation.

A petition for a new Chapter was denied, as it was not recommended by any chartered Chapter.

The work was exemplified by Comp. E. H. English, P. G. H. P.

Comp. John R. Eakin reports on correspondence, and notices Canada for 1876.